

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO RELIEVE THE SURVIVING MEMBERS OF THE 37TH REGIMENT,
IOWA INFANTRY, KNOWN AS THE GRAY BEARDS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. That on and after the first day of July, 1886, that of all the surviving mem-
2 bers of the 37th regiment of Iowa volunteers of infantry in the late rebellion, commonly
3 known as the “Gray Beard Regiment” and in case of their death any of their surviving
4 widows, so long as they remain such widows, shall be entitled to receive a pension from
5 this State to the amount of twelve dollars per month ; *provided*, that any person receiving a
6 pension under the laws of the United States equal to twelve dollars per month shall not be
7 entitled to receive any pension under or by virtue of this act, and ; *provided further*, that if
8 any such soldiers’ widows are receiving a pension from the United States less than twelve
9 dollars per month, he or they may receive such additional pension under this act as will
10 make their entire pension equal to twelve dollars per month.

SEC. 2. Application for the pension provided for in section one of this act, shall be made
2 to the Adjutant-General of the State of Iowa, which application shall be under oath, and
3 such affidavit and the evidence required to support the same, shall be such and in such form
4 as the Executive Council of the State of Iowa shall prescribe, and shall be taken and fur-
5 nished without expense to the State of Iowa.

SEC. 3. The pension herein provided for shall be paid by the State Treasurer on or after
2 the first day of July and January each year, on warrants issued by the Adjutant-General of
3 Iowa and countersigned by the State Auditor, payable in Des Moines, Iowa.

SEC. 4. Any person who shall procure a pension under this act, who is not entitled
2 thereto, shall be guilty of larceny and the jurisdiction of such offense shall be in Polk
3 county, Iowa. Any person who shall willfully swear falsely in relation to such pensions or
4 the right of any person to such shall be guilty of perjury, and shall be punished accord-
5 ingly.

SEC. 5. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not other-
2 wise appropriated the sum of.....dollars to carry out the provisions of
3 this act.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Adjutant-General of Iowa to make a report to the Gov-
2 ernor every two years the number of pensions granted and the amount of money necessary
3 to pay such pensions for the coming two years which report shall be submitted to the Gen-
4 eral Assembly.